May 31, 2016

REWARD MOTION:

Over Memorial Day weekend, cowardly vandals desecrated the Venice Vietnam Veteran Monument which was dedicated to honor the memories of Prisoners of War and those Killed in Action. The deliberate and heinous act of spray painting over the names of American heroes is heartbreaking and disgraceful. Shockingly, two other memorials were vandalized this weekend as well, including a memorial in Kentucky and a Civil War veterans' cemetery in Virginia.

Members of the public have stepped forward to help clean up the graffiti, however, the damage to the memorial is so extensive it will need to be professionally restored.

This disgusting display or disrespect is an insult to those individuals who sacrificed for our country and a slap in the face to their still grieving families. It also is an indirect attack on all of our veterans and currently serving military personnel.

The Sheriff's Transit Bureau is handling this investigation and seeking the public's assistance in solving this crime.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors offer a reward in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of person(s) responsible for the heinous act of vandalism of the Venice Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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